

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 1997. Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, for morning-hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, March 5.

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Referrals: One Senate-passed measure, S. 305, was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H671.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on page H675. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the FDA. Testimony was heard from Michael Friedman, Deputy Commissioner, Operations, FDA, USDA.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on the Secretary of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Center of Human Genome Research, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the National Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Francis S. Collins, M.D., Director, National Human Genome Research Institute; Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious

Diseases; Kenneth Olden, M.D., Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; and James B. Snow, Jr., M.D., Director, National Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held an Overview hearing. Testimony was heard from John J. Hamre, Comptroller, Department of Defense.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on the U.S. European Command and on the U.S. Atlantic Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. George Joulwan, USA, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. European Command; and Gen. John Sheehan, USMC, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command.

MEDICARE MANAGED CARE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Medicare Managed Care: Payment and Related Issues. Testimony was heard from Bruce M. Fried, Director, Office of Managed Care, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Jonathan Ratner, Associate Director, Health Financing Systems, Health, Education, and Human Services, GAO; Donald A. Young, M.D., Executive Director, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission; and Roger S. Taylor, M.D., Commissioner, Physician Payment Review Commission.

OVERSIGHT—REHABILITATION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning held an oversight hearing on the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Judy Heumann, Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; and Frederic Schroeder, Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration; P. Charles LaRosa, Commissioner, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, State of South Carolina; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—HUD

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held an oversight hearing on the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Mission, Management, and Performance. Testimony

was heard from Andrew M. Cuomo, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held an oversight hearing on the 1997 National Drug Control Strategy. Testimony was heard from Barry R. McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

FREE SPEECH AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing regarding Free Speech and Campaign Finance Reform. Testimony was heard from Senator McConnell; Representatives Gephardt and Frank of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing regarding deception of a Congressional Task Force delegation to the Miami District of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Stephen Colgate, Assistant Attorney General, Administration; and Doris Meissner, Commissioner and Chris Sale, Deputy Commissioner, both with the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION BUDGET REQUESTS

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on the fiscal year 1998 military construction budget request for programs of the Secretary of Defense, the Defense Agencies, and the Active and Reserve Components of the Department of the Army. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John B. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary (Industrial Affairs and Installations); Robert M. Walker, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Logistics and Environment); Maj. Gen. Randolph House, USA, Assistant Chief of Staff, Installations Management, Department of the Army; Brig. Gen. William Bilo, Deputy Director, Army National Guard; and Brig. Gen. James Helmly, Deputy Chief, Army Reserve.

DOD HEALTH CARE ALTERNATIVES

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on Department of Defense health care alternatives for Military Medicare-Eligible Beneficiaries. Testimony was heard from Stephen P. Backhus, Director, Veterans' Affairs and

Military Health Care Issues, GAO; Stephen Joseph, M.D., Assistant Secretary (Health Affairs), Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE R&D FOR FUTURE READINESS

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a hearing on Defense research and development for future readiness. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Anita K. Jones, Director, Defense Research and Engineering; Lee Buchanan, Deputy Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency; Patricia Sanders, Director, Test Systems Engineering and Evaluation; and Thomas Perdue, Acting Deputy Under Secretary (Advanced Technology).

NATIONAL GEOLOGIC MAPPING ACT REAUTHORIZATION AND AMENDMENTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources approved for full Committee action as amended H.R. 709, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this legislation. Testimony was heard from P. Patrick Leahy, Chief Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and a public witness.

NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, and Wildlife and Oceans, held a hearing on H.R. 437, to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Stupak; Ronald C. Baird, Executive Director, National Sea Grant College Program, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

NOAA BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held oversight hearing on the NOAA fiscal year 1998 budget request, which includes funding for the National Marine Fisheries Service. Testimony was heard from D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce.

OVERSIGHT—RESEARCH AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on Research and Resource Management in the National Park Service. Testimony was heard from Barry T. Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources and

Science Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Richard B. Keigley, Ecologist, U.S. Geological Survey; Roger G. Kennedy, Director, National Park Service; and Mark Schaefer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Water and Science; and public witnesses.

HOUSE RULES RECODIFICATION

Committee on Rules: Bipartisan Ad Hoc Task Force on the Recodification of House Rules met to discuss the Task Force agenda and goals.

The Task Force received a briefing on the Recodification of House Rules by Charles Johnson, Chief Parliamentarian of the House.

ETHICS REFORM

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Task Force on Ethics Reform met in executive session to hold a hearing on Ethics Reform. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on Surface Transportation Research Needs for the Next Century. Testimony was heard from Mortimer L. Downey, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation; David L. Winstead, Secretary, Department of Transportation, State of Maryland; and a public witness.

ISTEA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation continued hearings on ISTEA Comprehensive Reauthorization Proposals: On the Administration's and Other Comprehensive Reauthorization Proposals. Testimony was heard from Rodney E. Slater, Secretary of Transportation; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 4.

VA BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on the Administration's fiscal year 1998 VA Budget. Testimony was heard from Frank Q. Nebeker, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals; and representatives of veterans organizations.

ENCOURAGING ADOPTION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Encouraging Adoption. Testimony was heard from Mark Nadel, Associate Director, Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security met for organizational purposes.

ETHICS REFORM

Task Force on Ethics Reform: Met in executive session to discuss Ethics Reforms.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on the Federal response to terrorist incidents involving weapons of mass destruction, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.